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## WIN SOME, LOSE SOME

The Eastern women's tennis team walked away with one win and two losses over the weekend. The team is now 3-7 on the season and will travel to face Chicago State on Friday and Northern Illinois on Saturday.

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## BASKETBALL NOTES

The Eastern men's basketball has a chance at placing in the top eight and heading to Evansville, Ind. for a shot at the conference title.

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## It's OK to cry: Alumna returns to help students understand mental health, anxiety

By Olivia Swenson-Hultz  
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After years of struggling with mental illness herself, Tilly-Ana Ceriser wanted to return to her alma mater, Eastern, to help others who might be experiencing the same challenges.

Ceriser talked about the issue during an African-American Heritage Month presentation, "I Gotta Find A PEACE of Mind: Black and Mental Health" on Monday.

African-Americans are 20 percent more likely to experience mental illness, while 70 percent of youth inside of the Juvenile Justice System experience mental illness, Ceriser said.

"When I went to the hospital after dealing with a panic attack, I thought that either I deal with what life is giving to me or I don't," Ceriser, who was diagnosed with PTSD, said.

She said getting fired from her job was the breaking point when she started developing suicidal thoughts, but she was later able to find a therapist.

Ceriser interned for The Suicide Prevention Center. The number of calls that she received showed her what a serious issue mental illness is.

Within the Suicide Prevention Center, there was a hotline, depression line and a lifeline, Ceriser said.

Ceriser advised students to find a new therapist if they do not like their current one. There are also a variety of other approaches that they can choose, including the holistic approach, which involves exercising and eating better, cognitive behavior therapy and medication, she said.

Ceriser said during their treatment, people may experience guilt, anger and anxiety. She said people experiencing anxiety may have trouble with their short-term memory and may not want to do anything.

"Anxiety is like having tons of bricks on your chest and not being able to breathe," Ceriser said.

She described depression "like having a good day and then losing control. You may feel like nobody wants you and that you might as well just go."

Ceriser uses self-affirmation tactics to deal with these feelings.

She said it is important to take time to focus on one's self and to have a good support system.



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Tilly-Ana Ceriser, an Eastern alum and motivational speaker discusses how students can address mental health issues inside of Lumpkin Hall on Monday evening.

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## Student Senate to vote on panther statue proposal

By Analicia Haynes  
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The Student Senate will vote on a potential panther statue at its meeting Wednesday. This proposal was met with some debate when it was originally introduced.

During the Student Senate's Feb. 7 meeting, several senators expressed concern regarding the rationale behind the statue and how it will be paid for.

The statue will cost \$3,785.

"Just overall, if we assume a total enrollment of about 5,000 (full-time, undergraduate students) that are paying the full student fees, it would equate to about 55-75 cents per student, and that would be 75 cents out of the \$2,917 total paid in student fees," said Executive Vice President Derek Pierce, adding the total amount of student fees for a year based on a 15-credit-hour schedule.

The student government receives a budget from the apportionment board that is allocated from student fees.

This year, the student government budget was

\$50,000, said Zac Cohen, the student vice president of student affairs.

Pierce said there was \$13,000 left over from the original \$50,000 budget for this semester, but some of the expenses are fixed and not left to the Student Senate's discretion. The senate also wanted to make sure there was enough money for the senate committees to do different projects, like the Prowlin' with the Prez series and Lobby Day travel expenses, he said.

Pierce said the cost of the statue will be covered by money that was left over in the student government budget, such as the \$2,600 that was left over from student speaker of the senate Will Outzen's scholarship and another \$1,400 that was saved on First Night T-shirts. The senate still has to ask the Apportionment Board, the entity that distributes student fees to student government, the Student Recreation Center and the University Board for funds for the statue's commemorative plaque, base and concrete pad for the statue.

However, at the last Student Senate meeting, some senators were still in disagreement with the

"If not (the statue) then what better idea do you have?"

- Executive Vice President Derek Pierce on purchasing the statue

statue.

Student Senator Antonio Valdez called the statue a "frivolous purchase," saying at the last meeting that given the budget impasse that ended last year,

the decision is driven by pride.

"I'm just saying that there could be some backlash from students," Valdez said.

Pierce and Cohen said they think the reason for the negative feedback is a result of people not knowing what the money student government receives can be used for and not understanding where their money goes in the first place.

"We can't donate money to any individual or any academic department or organization, and we cannot give it to housing, and we can't do it for scholarships because there are already separate fees and ledgers for that," Pierce said, referring to the budget restriction imposed on student government. "(Students) don't take the time to dive into the numbers and understand it, so I'd say it's kind of a lack of knowledge."

Cohen said several senators also shared similar concerns with the way student fees were being paid, but said after presenting a breakdown of the fees and how the budget works last Wednesday, it made sense to them.

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Trump's \$4.4 trillion budget moves deficit sharply higher

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump unveiled a \$4.4 trillion budget for next year that heralds an era of \$1 trillion-plus federal deficits and — unlike the plan he released last year — never comes close to promising a balanced ledger even after 10 years.

The budget submitted Monday shows the growing deficits despite major cuts for domestic programs, largely because of last year's tax overhaul, which is projected to cause federal tax revenue to drop. This budget does not yet reflect last week's two-year bipartisan \$300 billion pact that wholly rejects Trump's plans to slash domestic agencies.

Presidential budgets are often declared dead-on-arrival in Congress where lawmakers have their own ideas about spending priorities. But the documents do represent the most detailed elaboration of an administration's priorities.

The spending spree, along with last year's tax cuts, has the deficit moving sharply higher with Republicans in control of Washington. Trump's plan sees a 2019 deficit of \$984 billion, though \$1.2 trillion is more plausible after last week's budget pact and \$90 billion worth of disaster aid is tacked on. That's more than double the 2019 deficit the administra-

tion promised last year.

All told, the new budget sees accumulating deficits of \$7.2 trillion over the coming decade; Trump's plan last year projected a 10-year shortfall of \$3.2 trillion.

In a preview of Monday's release, the White House on Sunday focused on Trump's \$1.5 trillion plan for the nation's crumbling infrastructure. He also is asking for a \$13 billion increase over two years for opioid prevention, treatment and long-term recovery. A request for \$23 billion for border security, including \$18 billion for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and money for more detention beds for detained immigrants, is part of the budget, too.

Trump would again spare Social Security retirement benefits as he promised during the 2016 campaign, though his plan would reprise last year's attempt to scuttle the "Obamacare" health law and sharply cut back the Medicaid program for the elderly, poor and disabled.

The plan also reprises proposals from last year's Trump budget to curb crop insurance costs, cut student loan subsidies, reduce pension benefits for federal workers and cut food stamps, among other proposals.

Last year, Trump's budget projected a slight surplus after a decade, but critics said it relied on an enormous accounting gimmick — double counting a 10-year, \$2 trillion surge in revenues from the economic benefits of "tax reform." Now that tax reform has passed, the math trick can't be used, and the Trump plan doesn't come close to balancing.

Trump plan also promises 3 percent growth, continuing low inflation, and low interest yields on U.S. Treasury bills despite a flood of new borrowing, underestimates the mounting cost of financing the government's \$20 trillion-plus debt. Many economists are likely to find the prospects for such a rosy scenario implausible.

The White House is putting focus this year on Trump's long-overdue plan to boost spending on the nation's crumbling infrastructure. The plan would put up \$200 billion in federal money over the next 10 years to leverage \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure spending, relying on state and local governments and the private sector to contribute the bulk of the funding.

Critics contend the infrastructure plan will fail to reach its goals without more federal support.

Judge in missing Chinese scholar case sets trial for April 2019

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — A federal judge has set an April 2019 trial date for a former physics student accused of kidnapping and killing a University of Illinois scholar from China.

*The (Champaign) News-Gazette* reports that U.S. District Court Judge Colin Bruce set the date during a hearing Monday. Prosecutors announced Jan. 19 they would seek capital punishment. They say Brendt Christensen allegedly tortured 26-year-old Yingying Zhang before killing her.

Neither prosecutors nor Christensen's attorneys objected to the new trial date. The trial had been scheduled to begin later this month, but both prosecutors and defense attorneys requested that it be delayed.

Christensen was arrested last June, three weeks after Zhang disappeared. Her body hasn't been found. Christensen has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping resulting in death.

Illinois university to mark 10 years since shooting

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — Families are remembering their loved ones 10 years after a shooting Northern Illinois University shooting that killed five and injured 21.

Students Gayle Dubowski, 20; Catalina Garcia, 20; Daniel Parmenter, 20; Julianna Gehant, 32; and Ryanne Mace, 19, were killed Feb. 14, 2008 when a gunman entered an ocean sciences class and began shooting. *The Daily Herald* reported.

University spokesman Joe King said since the deaths of the students, more than 1,800 people have donated more than \$745,000 to The Forward, Together Forward Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship fund has allowed the university to award \$4,000 each to 50 students in the names of the slain students.

Dubowski's parents, Joe and Laurel, said they've relived the sadness of losing their daughter after every mass shooting in the past decade. The couple said they found it difficult but eventually worked through their anger to forgive the gunman.

Maria Christiansen, who was critically injured during the shooting, is now an NIU police officer.

This week, survivors, parents, students, first responders, school officials and others plan to gather in honor of the victims.

Chicago delays school closures

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago officials will postpone the closure of several high schools in one of the city's highest-crime and most impoverished neighborhoods in response to a contentious community response, the nation's third-largest public school district announced Monday.

Initially, the district pitched closing four schools all at once this summer, displacing hundreds of students to out-of-neighborhood schools, and making way for a new \$85 million school. But officials said they'd delay, closing one at the end of the school year to begin construction on the new facility and close the remaining three in three years so current students can graduate.

The initial closure plan faced intense criticism from neighborhood residents, students and activists who questioned student safety with teenagers having to cross gang boundar-

ies, along with concerns about dropouts and further disinvestment in Englewood, a mostly African-American neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. School officials pitched the plan five years after shuttering about 50 schools, the largest mass school closure in an American city.

School officials argue a new school is still a better option for the neighborhood and cited low enrollment and dwindling population as key reasons for the closures. Roughly 500 students attend the four schools. CPS had proposed spending \$8.5 million in the transition to different schools, including possibly transporting displaced students to nearby schools via shuttles.

The new school wasn't slated to open until the fall of 2019 with only freshmen at first.

Community meetings on the proposal turned emotional, with revived

claims of racial politics and continued fallout from the 2013 closures, which mostly largely impacted minorities. Over one dozen schools have remained empty, continuing concerns about attracting crime and decreased property values.

Opponents of the district's plan, including the Chicago Teachers Union, said the changes didn't go far enough.

"Resources that CPS proposes to target to the proposed new high school should, in fact, have been targeted to Englewood's current public high schools," said CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey in a statement. "Now CPS needs to take this a step further — by offering the real resources these schools deserve."

A school board vote on the new plan could take place as early as Feb. 28.

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The Upright Citizens Brigade is set to perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Eastern’s student comedy groups, Lunchbox Voodoo and Hello Dali, will open for the group.

# Improv group to perform at Eastern

By **Analicia Haynes**  
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Audience members can celebrate Valentine’s Day with some improv comedy as The Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The 90-minute show is unscripted, improvised and based on audience feedback.

Dan Crews, the interim director of programming, publicity and promotions at the Doudna, said the show is something that has never been seen before and will never be seen again.

When the Doudna invites groups or people to perform, they look for two things, Crews said.

The first is to put on a great performance, and the second is the op-

portunity for an interaction between the performers and students who might be interested in performing.

Crews said the Upright Citizens Brigade has been great to work with, and even offered to host a workshop for students who are interested in improv.

This gives students the opportunity to learn and “pick the brains” of the performers by asking questions such as how they got to the position they are in, he said.

Two student groups, Hello Dali and Lunchbox Voodoo, will open for the Upright Citizens Brigade.

“It’s a great opportunity for our students to learn from people who are actually making a living from doing their craft,” Crews said. “We love to have the opportunity to get them in front of our students and also to area schools in the community, and

occasionally we take groups to senior centers or just out in the community to just get them to share what they do.”

Before the show, those who brought tickets can sit down at a Valentine’s Day-themed dinner.

The idea behind the dinner was not meant to be romantic, rather more convenient for couples celebrating Valentine’s Day so they do not have to eat somewhere else before the show, Crews said.

Crews said although the deadline to purchase tickets to the dinner has passed, people can still call the Doudna to see if they can be “squeezed in.”

“It is a cool thing because it’s not your typical show that people would take someone to go see for Valentines Day,” Crews said. “So it is nice that we kind of came up with the idea of

coordinating a Valentine’s date night and dinner.”

Crews said the dinner will be held on the theatre stage and will probably have anywhere from 25 to 30 out of the 40 couples they originally anticipated.

The show is intended for an adult audience, and tickets are still available.

They are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students and can be purchased online at [doudnatix.com](http://doudnatix.com) or at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office.

Box Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and one hour before the scheduled performance.

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# ‘The Keep’ records millionth download

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The 1-millionth download for Booth Library’s institutional repository, The Keep, was recorded on Feb. 6.

The day’s biggest downloads were “Stress as a Moderator of Visual Perception: Do Elevated Stress Levels Interfere with Visual Cognition,” a graduate thesis by Ashley Ebersole, and “The Relationship Between Involvement in Extracurricular Activities and Academic Achievement of Students at Flora High School,” a graduate thesis by Linda Spicer, according to a press release.

Downloaded 19,833 times from around the world, the most popular paper overall is “Involve Me: Using the Orff Approach within the Elementary Classroom,” by undergraduate Amanda Long. Long’s paper also won the 2013 Award for Excellence in Student Research and Creative Activity.

Other papers included in The Keep are graduate student Joseph Tillman’s thesis, “Improvements to Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Blades to Aid in Self-Starting,” downloaded 10,805 times, and music professor Jemmie Robertson’s “An Integrated Approach to Preparing Paul Hindesmith’s Sonata for Trombone and Piano: A Guide to Help Achieve a Better Performance,” downloaded 8,367 times.

The Keep has nearly 80,000 documents including faculty scholarship, student and professional journals, graduate theses, undergraduate honors papers, Eastern historical documents and committee documents.

According to a press release, the mission of The Keep is to digitize, preserve and promote Eastern’s scholarly output, so it can be discovered online easier.

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Liz Stephens

# Thinking positively is beneficial

Recently in one of my classes, a friend responded to an attendance question with something along the lines that he is his biggest critic and that he is hard on himself. I, too used to have a similar struggle, until one day I decided that I was tired of saying negative things about myself and doubting myself.

One of the most beneficial things I learned was looking in the mirror every morning and saying something positive about myself, my day or about my life. I am a firm believer in the law of attraction, which is a belief that focusing on positive or negative thoughts can attract or bring about positive or negative experiences.

One of my favorite parts of the law of attraction is the concept that what you speak upon yourself or your life will be what you create, or what happens (to an extent).

When I decided to speak positivity and success upon myself every morning I was not only rewiring my mindset without thinking about it, but I was determining how my day was going to be. If I told myself I thought I was going to have a rough day, sure enough that day ended up being crap—but I spoke it over myself and my day, so what else should have I expected?

I didn't realize how much the voices in our head or what we tell ourselves can affect our activities until I noticed the pattern of even my biggest skills lacking after speaking negatively to myself. This is because I was not focused on the act I was doing, but more so mentally multitasking with self-doubt and the activity.

After a month or so into speaking positivity and success over myself, I noticed my mindset changing and my abilities being more than I thought they could be. I could lift heavier in my workouts with more efficacy than I did when doubting myself, and my grades went up significantly as well. I will clarify that I do believe that in conjunction with the law of attraction, people must work and put forth effort because a mindset alone, without effort, won't produce greatness.

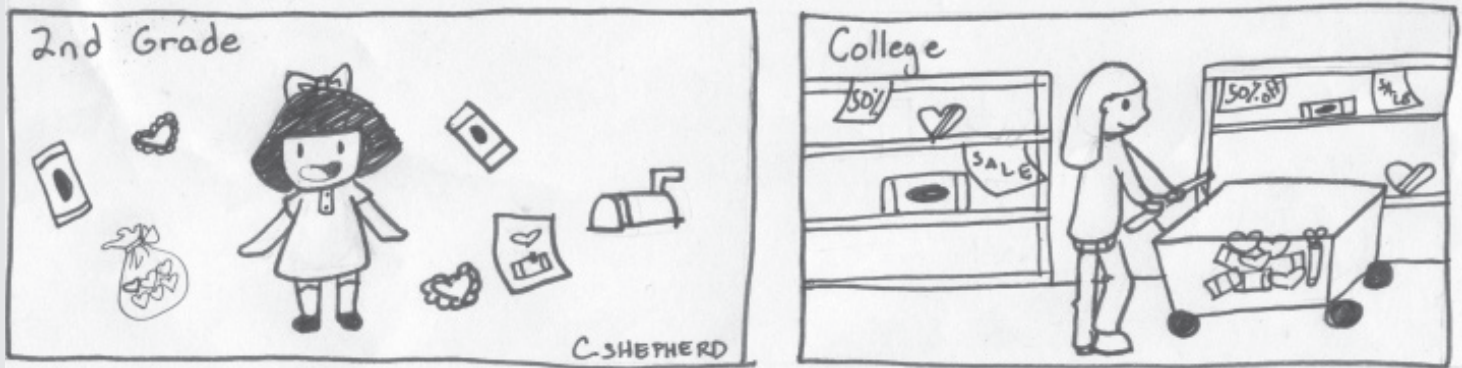
What students don't realize sometimes is that they limit their abilities and don't give themselves enough credit for how great they are, or could end up being.

People are given this life to create opportunities and ultimately live. If people limit their atmosphere and what they believe they can be or achieve, it is not surprising when they don't go beyond their own self-limitations. Our days are only as bad as we let them be, and our lives and interactions are only as negative as we allow them to be.

Once people realize that they cannot control what happens in their life, but that they can control their mentality and response to what happens, they can conquer (almost) anything.

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## It's Valen-time for cheap candy



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### STAFF EDITORIAL

# Ask questions, find solutions

It is a tumultuous time to be at a place of higher education right now. Not just at Eastern, not just in Illinois, but across the country.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, overall state funding for public two- and four-year colleges in the 2017 school year was almost \$9 billion below its 2008 level.

In this study, it found that to combat this, universities and colleges in states across the nation have had to both raise tuition and reduce academic opportunities and student services across the board.

As students, faculty and staff who rely on this university, either for an education or a livelihood, we need to start informing ourselves on the threats that are being made to this institution.

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, our reporter wrote about a forum taking place at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

This forum, sponsored by the Faculty Senate, the Student Government and the Provost's office, seems like it will be a good way to look at the pressures universities and colleges, specifically in Illinois, are facing. Because let's be honest, what we have been dealing with in Illinois has been a doozy, and it does not seem like it is necessarily over yet.

One topic referenced at the forum will be two bills, SB 4103 and HB 2234.

The measures, among other items, look at creating an application process for all universities in Illinois.

These, along with lower funding levels for higher education across the state and nation, are making some nervous for the future.

As one panelist, Bailey Young, described, despite empty offices and the decline in enrollment, problems many Illinois universities have faced, Eastern was able to keep up its morale and relationship with students because of its ability to adapt.

However, some people have concerns with measures that seem like they will take away this ability.

They have reason to be concerned —

which is why going to forums such as these will be valuable to those who are able to. The panelists featured may not have all the answers, but they have presumably read up on the topics at hand and will be able to ask questions people have. Though these issues may seem daunting and confusing, having them broken down will make us better able to combat any threats coming toward higher education.

The best way to combat fear when dealing with the future, especially one that is not necessarily widely support such as higher education's, is to stock up on knowledge. That is, as an institution, what we are known for, after all. By going to forums such as this, keeping informed on what is happening in the world of higher education and asking the right questions, we can better figure out a solution to the problems we are facing.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Do not condemn cheap shopping places

People are constantly trying to obtain a status in life through brand-name clothing and "better foods."

I do not know how many times I have heard people bash a discounted item or just anything, even food that is cheap, just because they want to lift themselves up in some type of way.

This smugness is questionable and even tackier than the knock-off Converse I have in my closet.

Capitalism has seeped into the pores of personality and it is gross. This disease of judgment typically hits middle-class white moms who will get their kid's clothes on sale at Old Navy, but refuse to shop at Wal-mart or Aldi because they think it is trashy.

It also greatly affects college students, because they are often the ones who deem one brand or food as better than the other, usually because of price or "quality."

While it is understandable that people have these personal preferences on foods and brands, not everyone's idea of splurging goes with the same budget or want for the "better quality."

This sentiment of being on a pedestal based on what you buy is especially annoying around this God-awful time of year, when the stores are drowning in pinks and reds.

Not only do people point their nose in the air about their personal preferences, but they also demand nothing but the best for a materialistic and gaudy holiday.

I have seen so many things on social media that say, "Applebee's is not a date," or



Abbey Whittington

any other chain restaurant or fast food joint.

While it is OK to show how much you love and appreciate someone based on your income, this is not a standard that anyone else needs to follow, and people should just appreciate the fact that they are even being thought of in the first place.

Even though I personally have a significant other, I do not need to dedicate one day of the year to shove my choice of monogamy in everyone's face because it is annoying.

Instead, I will be celebrating "Galentine's Day" as tribute to my friends, since there is not a holiday for that.

Just because your finances are higher than the price of something you deem as low quality does not mean you are better or above anybody. It just means you are pretentious and your wallet is probably crying internally.

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Today's quote:

“ If there is no struggle, there is no progress. ”

-Frederick Douglass

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“We might be told that other people have problems and that it’s best just to pray about it. My mom tells me not to cry, but my therapist tells me that I need to cry. I need to remind myself that my anxiety isn’t a joke,” Ceriser said.

Ceriser said if students are thinking about hurting themselves, they need to acknowledge and remove those thoughts, and if something is messing with their well-being, they do not need to be doing it.

The dangers of not getting help can include making poor decisions, being taken advantage of, developing unhealthy habits and people putting themselves into dangerous situations, she said.

“In the black community there’s this stigma that we’re too strong to talk about mental health, but it was necessary for us to learn about helpful resources,” said Shaviyah Brown, a junior athletic training major.

Every single day of their lives people live through depression, said Shaun Johnson, an English alumna who graduated in 2013.

“People may suffer silently, but it’s important to get help,” Johnson said.

If someone is experiencing suicidal thoughts, they can call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

Eastern’s Health and Counseling Services provides free counseling to students, as well as access to other forms of mental health treatment such as medication.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center also has a Behavioral Health Center that provides mental health services.

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“Most people’s attitudes realized that this was the right decision,” Cohen said.

Pierce said they were able to put the cost in perspective for senators, saying that \$4,000 does not go a long way.

However, student senator Patrick Delgado said his concern for the statue is that the Senate is doing it for school spirit, something the university does not seem to have.

“I think if a statue is required to build school spirit, I think we need to work on something else. I think school spirit is only going to be brought up if it’s there in the first place,” Delgado said.

Cohen said school spirit is not something that will pop up. Rather, he said, it is something that takes time to build.

“It’s little things like having a panther statue that slowly build (school spirit) up, and students start to take more pride in their school,” Cohen said.

Pierce said they have to start somewhere when it comes to building school spirit, and that is why they want to invest in a statue.

“If not (the statue), what better idea do you have?” Pierce said.

Pierce said the student activity fee is something that is supposed to benefit students.

Therefore establishing something such as a scholarship would not offer a good return on the money put into the fee in comparison to the statue, which he said would be a “tangible outcome.”

“Even if we were allowed to create a scholarship, it would be a ‘robbing Peter to pay Paul’ kind of concept, so they’re getting no benefit for their money,” Pierce said. “Just to put it in perspective...the student activity fee for the year is only \$303.84, which covers all those various fields and they already currently pay \$378.24 to the grant-in-aid fee which is strictly scholarships and so they’re already funding other people’s scholarships and financial aid.”

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This is the photo the Student Senate presented in the proposal for a new panther statue. Executive Vice President Derek Pierce said the statue is supposed to look like the one pictured above.

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# Doudna Dog



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Logan Peters, a sophomore 2D studio art major, makes a sculpture of his dog Monday night at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. “I’m an art student, and I was interested in taking ceramics,” Peters said. “I decided to create my dog’s head in this piece based off of ancient Egyptian pottery as a challenge, and I’ve really enjoyed it.”

## The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**  
1 Perennial campaign issue  
5 Airplane wing feature  
9 Cool, giant sun  
14 Taken by mouth  
15 Sweat spot  
16 Remote control button  
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18 Totally focused  
19 Brooding worry  
20 Big part of the New World  
23 It’s pitched with a pitchfork  
24 Present oneself falsely  
28 Greek island in the Aegean Sea  
31 Common supply for a party  
33 One cause for an R rating  
34 Wagering venue, briefly
- 35 Like some missiles  
38 Onetime Volvo competitor  
39 Compromise ... or a phonetic hint to this puzzle’s shaded squares  
43 Bad temper  
44 Flashy 1940s men’s attire  
45 Lead-in to bred or behaved  
46 Channel for “Conan”  
49 \_\_\_-Caps (theater candy)  
50 Faux \_\_\_  
51 Seaside cookout  
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# Panthers win once, lose twice over weekend

**By Dillan Schorfheide**  
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For its first three-match weekend of the season, the Eastern women's tennis team walked away with one win and a loss that was decided by one point.

The Panthers lost their Friday match to Indiana 4-0, after Eastern lost the doubles point and three singles points; the other three singles matches went unfinished.

On Saturday, Eastern defeated Bradley 5-2, and lost to the University of Indianapolis 4-3 on Sunday.

Going into the weekend, sophomore Stella Cliffe, who was named the OVC Women's Tennis Player of the Week last week, said she does not think there is any concern about playing three matches in a row.

"We have our normal routine of practice that we stick to, no matter how many days we have between matches," she said.

Cliffe did say it would be a lot and that she thought the team would definitely be tired by Sunday, but that that is what the team trains for.

After Sunday's match, senior Grace Summers said she thought the team was a little tired by the time Sunday's match rolled around, but that everyone still came out and gave it their all.



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Sophomore Emily Pugachevsky returns the ball in her singles match against Eastern Kentucky March 2017 at the Darling Courts. Eastern's women's tennis team went 1-2 over the weekend.

Cliffe and Summers did not finish their singles matches Friday against Indiana, nor did freshman Karla Contreras. Summers and Cliffe lost their doubles match 6-4, and fellow Eastern duo, featuring sophomore Emily Pugachevsky and Contreras, lost 6-1. Freshman Claire Mar-

tin and junior Srishti Slaria competed in the one doubles match that went unfinished.

Pugachevsky, Martin and Slaria all lost their singles matches in straight sets.

But after the loss on Friday, Eastern turned things around and traveled to Peoria on Satur-

day and defeated Bradley, this time starting off by winning the doubles point.

Martin and Slaria lost their close doubles match, 7-6, but the two other Eastern duos that competed Friday picked up the needed wins to secure the doubles point.

Slaria and Pugachevsky lost their singles matches in straight sets, but Cliffe, Summers and Contreras won their singles matches in straight sets. Martin won her singles point by default.

Then on Sunday, Eastern came within one point of walking away from the weekend with a pair of wins.

Indianapolis took the doubles point after defeating all three Eastern duos, with Martin and Slaria coming the closest to a win, losing 7-5.

In the singles competition, Slaria, Martin and Contreras won their singles matches, but Cliffe, Summers and Pugachevsky lost theirs. Summers came close to winning hers, taking a commanding second-set win 6-1 after losing 7-5 in the first set, but she fell 6-4 in the tiebreaking set.

After the weekend, Eastern is 3-7 on the season. This weekend, the team travels to face Chicago State on Friday and Northern Illinois on Saturday.

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# Track, field wrap up road trip at Grand Valley State

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The end of the indoor track and field season is near as the team wrapped up its long streak of road meets last weekend at the Grand Valley State Big Meet. They posted a total of 12 top 15 finishes in events.

The men finished in seventh place while the women for Eastern finished in 13th. The team had a strong performance overall, having top finishers from across many events as they are heading into the home stretch.

The field events were a strong point for the team, as many athletes had top 15 finishes, with junior Joe Smith leading the way for the Panthers with his first place finish in the long jump.

He set his new season best in the event and the third best distance in the OVC with a leap of 23-feet-07.25. Another success in the field events came from senior Chrisford Stevens' second-place finish in the triple jump and fourth-place finish in the long jump, with marks of 14.94 meters and 6.99 meters, respectively.

Stevens' triple jump mark also moved him

into second place in the OVC for the event.

There were also top 15 finishers for the throwers. Graduate student Ryan Pearce earned a fourth-place finish, throwing 53-feet-07.0, and junior Clayton Turner also finished in the top 10 with his sixth-place throw of 50-02.00.

In the distance events, senior Maria Baldwin had a strong 3000-meter race as she finished in 12th place with her time of 9:53.96.

In field events, though senior Haley Knapp did not earn a sixth-straight first-place finish in high-jump, she said she is excited to compete at home for the remainder of the indoor sea-

son.

"It is going to be nice, being able to relax before a meet these next couple weeks. All the road meets are great, but they do take their toll," Knapp said.

Eastern's track and field team will have its last meet before conference at home at the Lantz Fieldhouse Friday at 2 p.m.

The OVC Championship is Feb. 23 in the Lantz Field House.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

# Panthers hanging on in playoff race

By **Maher Kawash**  
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Not many people would expect the Eastern men’s basketball team to still be in contention for an OVC tournament berth with four guards all out due to injury.

But, that is just it. The Panthers have a shot at cracking the top eight and heading to Evansville, Ind. for a shot at the conference title.

It has not been pretty up to this point, but luckily for Eastern, it does not have to be.

Eastern is fresh off a loss to Austin Peay, but still standing in the seventh spot of the playoff picture with a 5-9 conference record.

It is also important to mention that right now, Eastern sits eighth in the standings and Southeast Missouri is seventh, but because of an NCAA infraction the Redhawks are ineligible for OVC or NCAA tournaments in 2017-18.

Credit the Panthers a shot to hold their ground as the seventh seed in the OVC tournament, but of course this final stretch of games can change that completely.

The rest of the OVC? Well, it is a tale of two sides.

The upper half of the conference is clear, and the elites have proved themselves as teams like Murray State and Belmont have wavered well with identical 12-2 OVC records.

And to be fair, that team Eastern just lost to is also pretty good, considering Austin Peay is having one of its best seasons of the decade, notching a 10-4 record to this point.

While those three teams appear to be the favorites heading into the final push for the playoffs, this conference has proved in recent years that it means nothing.

Just ask Belmont, who seemingly always ends up as a top seed, though Jacksonville State and Austin Peay have crashed the party in the last two years to earn an NCAA tournament bid.

The OVC has a widespread of talent, and this year is a case more than ever for



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Senior Montell Goodwin dribbles past Austin Peay’s Steve Harris in the Panthers’ 76-69 loss Saturday in Lantz Arena. Eastern is seventh in the OVC.

that, especially when looking at the meat of the standings.

Jacksonville State and Tennessee State are lingering around the top with 9-5 records, but for the Gamecocks, this may serve as the biggest week of the season.

Jacksonville State has a shot to improve its seed immensely with its next two games against Murray State and Austin Peay. The toughest part? The Gamecocks will have to play both on the road.

Tennessee State has a much easier road to earning a higher seed, considering its next two games are at home against the

two last place teams of the OVC — Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

At the bottom of the conference, it is a party to see who can sneak into the tournament. That will all play itself out as all the teams down there are about to play each other, such as the next few opponents for Eastern.

The Panthers are in good shape to earn a berth to the conference tourney, but the two teams that could crash their party happen to be two of their final four games.

Tennessee-Martin and Southern Illi-

nois-Edwardsville both share a 3-10 conference record, and those two games appear to be must-win for Eastern, considering the Panthers also have to face Southeast Missouri and first-place Murray State in this final stretch.

The OVC tournament has offered plenty of surprises in recent years, so whether it is the for first or eighth seed, it is clear this final stretch of the regular season has meaning.

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## Men's standings

- 1.)Murray State (20-5, 12-2 OVC)
- 2.)Belmont (20-7, 12-2 OVC)
- 3.)Austin Peay (15-11, 10-4 OVC)
- 4.)Jacksonville State (18-9, 9-5 OVC)
- 5.)Tennessee State (14-11, 9-5 OVC)
- 6.)Tennessee Tech (16-11, 8-6 OVC)
- 7.)SEMO (12-15, 6-8 OVC)
- 8.)**Eastern (9-16, 5-9 OVC)**
- 9.) Tennessee-Martin (9-18, 4-10 OVC)
- 10.)SIUE (8-17, 4-10 OVC)
- 11.)Eastern Kentucky (8-17, 3-11 OVC)
- 12.)Morehead State (6-19, 2-12 OVC)

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

# Belmont still team to beat in Ohio Valley

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For the past two seasons, the OVC has been separated into two tiers of teams; Belmont and everyone else.

Belmont won its 39th consecutive conference game after knocking off an ailing Tennessee Tech team 68-60 on Saturday, and looms over the rest of the conference with a 14-0 conference record this season.

It has been 728 days since the last time the Bruins lost a conference game and its streak of dominance in the OVC is the nation’s second-longest streak only behind the UConn women’s program’s 94-game win streak in the Big East.

As the Bruins continue to roll through the OVC with seemingly little resistance, for the first time in program history, the Bruins earned an AP top 25 ranking in the week 15 rankings.

Belmont is now 24th in the country, making them one of two mid-major programs in the top 25, with the other being No. 19 Green Bay.

No other OVC team has been in the top 25 since Tennessee Tech in 1992.

While the Bruins sit comfortably at



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Freshman Karle Pace brings the ball up the court in Eastern’s 75-66 loss to Austin Peay Saturday in Lantz Arena. Eastern is 1-13 in OVC Play.

the top of the conference standings and celebrate their national ranking, their

uncontested control of the OVC begs the question of not only can anyone

stop them, but if so, who?

In the preseason, the team that was given the biggest chance to compete with Belmont was Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

However, in the two games the Cougars and Bruins have played each other this season, Belmont has made it clear the conference title is its to lose.

The Bruins outscored the Cougars by a combined 39 points in those two games, and if it says anything about how good Southern Illinois-Edwardsville is, the two losses to Belmont are its only two conference losses of the season.

Outside of 14-0 Belmont and 12-2 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, the rest of the OVC has spent a majority of the season beating up on each other for the remaining six tournament spots.

Recently however, the one exception to the battle royale happening in the conference has been Tennessee-Martin, which moved its conference record to 10-4, winning its sixth game in a row, after beating Southeast Missouri 72-65 on Saturday.

Jacksonville State and Morehead State both failed to create any separation between each other in the standings, as

both went 1-1 over the weekend, adding another chapter to their season-long position battle in the conference standings.

Jacksonville State has beaten the Eagles both times they have played this season, meaning they hold any potential tie-breaker in seeding for the tournament.

The Gamecocks certainly have an easier remaining schedule, as Morehead State still must face Belmont and Tennessee-Martin one more time before the season ends.

Southeast Missouri occupies the seventh seed in the tournament race and is falling in the standing after losing its third straight game Saturday to Tennessee-Martin.

The Redhawks dive in the standings bodes well for Austin Peay, which now has a two-game lead for the sixth seed in the conference tournament with a 7-7 record.

The six seed is an important one, as attaining it means avoiding a first-round date with either Belmont or Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in the first round.

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